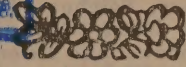


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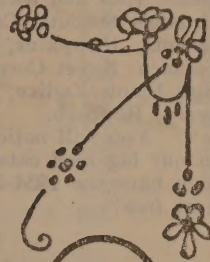


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SPECIAL FEATURES FOR OCTOBER.

A fuller list of **Imported Seed Potatoes** is now offered and the **Scotch Seed** will soon be here. **Vegetable Transplants** are now offered at summer prices but, on the other hand, we have to face higher prices for **Root Crop Seed** and a revised list is printed. We are also printing a long list of **Bedding and Border Plants** which should be of considerable interest. **Gardening Notes** by "Eden" are specially interesting this month and don't miss the **Special Offers** and the paragraph about **Chinkerichees**; send your order promptly for these!

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SEEDS AND SOWING.

By H. CHAS. STARKE, F.R.H.S.

There are few crops of the Vegetable Garden that can not be sown in October and it is more a question of regulating the quantity of each for the sake of a suitable succession than of deciding which to sow and which not to sow.

With Farm Crops it is different for each has a very definite season and only Summer Crops can be successfully sown now. The Winter Cereals cannot be grown successfully out of season.

FARM CROPS.

Where conditions are favourable the following crops may be sown in October: Maize, Sorghum, Broom Corn, Sudan Grass, Millets, Lucerne, Clover, Mungo Beans, Soy Beans, Cowpeas, Vetches, Mangels, Carrots, Rape, Kale, Mustard, Buckwheat, Sunflower and Melons and Gourds of all kinds.

Where irrigation is possible the various grasses and many additional crops may be sown now.

IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Where conditions are favourable the following may be sown this month: French Beans (tall and dwarf), Lima Beans, Beet, Carrots, Potatoes, Radishes, Leek, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbages, Cauliflowers, Kale, Kola-Rabi, Calabash, Cucumber, Musk Melons, Pumpkins, Squash, Vegetable Marrows, Water Melons, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Spinach, Sweet Corn, Artichoke, Asparagus, Celery, Chervil, Chicory, Cress, Dandelion, Egg Plant, Endive, Mustard, Okra, Parsley, Pepper, Sage, Sorrel, Thyme, Cape Gooseberry, Rhubarb.

You will notice that these crops are enumerated in the same order as they appear in our big seed catalogue and that makes it easy for you to make up your seed order. You have the 1934-35 Catalogue, of course! If not, ask for it, please! It is free and post free!

SEED POTATOES.

We can still supply South African grown Seed Potatoes of the Up-to-Date variety at 10/6 per case as offered in "My Garden" for September, but these are likely to be all sold before the end of the month. A.

IMPORTED SEED.

The earliest shipments of Imported Seed are turning out very well and the following are now available and offered subject to being unsold. Orders should be booked promptly to avoid disappointment. A.

Cases are of one-bushel size, weight approximately 66 lbs net.

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Early Rose, grown in France | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18/6 per case. |
| Up-to-Date, grown in Holland | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14/- per case. |

IMPORTED SCOTCH SEED.

Reports just to hand indicate that this seed will be a little later than usual owing to weather conditions in Scotland. We have a fine lot coming and the following varieties are expected. The first will probably arrive towards the end of October and prices are quoted below, subject to arrival and being unsold. A.

Cases are of one-bushel size, weight approximately 66 lbs. nett.

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Arran Chief, Maincrop, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| Arran Crest, First Early, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| Arran Rose, First Early, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| Edzell Blue, Second Early, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| Flourball, Early Maincrop, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| King George V., Second Early, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| Majestic, Early Maincrop, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |
| Up-to-Date, Maincrop, grown in Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 16/6 per case. |

All Potatoes are offered subject to being unsold and you can deduct five per cent. if you send cash with the order.

Terms of Business.—We always endeavour to supply the very best Seeds, Bulbs or plants, true to the descriptions given in our catalogue, but it is a condition of sale of all such goods that, though we give you our assurance that we are using all reasonable care in the selection, we accept no responsibility in regard to description or productiveness nor in regard to the crop or failure of crop. All quotations are given and orders accepted only on the understanding that these conditions are agreed to.

VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS.

We give below a list of plants that we expect to have ready during this month. Some of these are now ready, but others will not be ready till about the middle of the month or later. All orders are dealt with in rotation and will be despatched when the plants are ready. If you are unable to wait, please mark your order accordingly and we will send only what is ready, cancelling the remaining portion of the order. F.

| | Posted | | Local | |
|--|--------------------|------|---------|------|
| | (Within the Union) | | Prices. | |
| | Per 100 | 1000 | 100 | 1000 |
| Beet, Blood Red | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Beet, Flat Egyptian | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Brussels Sprouts | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Cape Spitzkool | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Copenhagen Market | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Early Drumhead | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Early Jersey Wakefield | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Golden Acre | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Green Globe Savoy | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Large Red Drumhead | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Large Oxheart | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cabbage, Starke's Improved Spitzkool | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cape Gooseberry (9d. doz., posted 1/3) | 5/3 | — | 4/6 | — |
| Cauliflower, All the year round | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cauliflower, Early Italian Giant | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cauliflower, Southern Cross | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cauliflower, Super Snowball | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Cauliflower, Veitch's Autumn Giant | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Celery, Solid White (6d. doz., posted 1/-) | 3/- | — | 2/6 | — |
| Egg Plant, Long Purple (1/- doz., posted 1/6) | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| Kale, Chou Moellier | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Kale, Tall Curled | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Kale, Thousand-Headed | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Kohl Rabi, Early White Vienna | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Leek, Large Flag | 1/6 | 10/6 | 1/- | 6/6 |
| Lettuce, Curled Neapolitan | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Lettuce, New York | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Onion, Cape Straw Coloured | 1/6 | 10/6 | 1/- | 6/6 |
| Onion, Early Flat Yellow Cape | 1/6 | 10/6 | 1/- | 6/6 |
| Onion, White Queen | 1/6 | 10/6 | 1/- | 6/6 |
| Parsley, Curled (6d. doz., posted 1/-) | 3/- | — | 2/6 | — |
| Spinach Beet, Green Cutting | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Spinach Beet, Yellow Cutting | 2/- | 12/6 | 1/3 | 8/6 |
| Tomatoes (9d. doz., posted 1/3) | 3/6 | 25/- | 2/6 | 17/6 |
| Varieties: Bonnie Best, Livingston's Coreless, Wood's Improved Beauty and Trophy | | | | |
| Lavender, Mint, Sage, Thyme, Rosemary, 3/- doz., posted 3/6 | | | | |

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Seeds to Sow.—Where conditions are favourable you may sow the following Flower Seeds during this month: Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Aster, Aubrieta, Balsam, Barberton Daisy, Begonia, Campanula, Candytuft, Cannas, Carnation, Celosia, Chrysanthemum, Cockscomb, Coleus, Convolvulus, Coreopsis, Cornflower, Cosmos, Cyclamen, Dahlia, Delphinium, Dianthus, Eschscholtzia, Foxglove, Freesia, Gaillardia, Geum, Gilia, Gloxinia, Gypsophila, Helenium, Helichrysum, Hollyhock, Hunnemannia, Larkspur, Leptosyne, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Nicotiana, Pentstemon, Petunia, Phlox, Portulaca, Salpiglossis, Salvia, Scabious, Schizanthus, Statice, Sutherlandia, Sunflower, Sweet Sultan, Sweet William, Thalictrum, Thunbergia, Tropaeolum, Valeriana, Verbena, Virginian Stock and Zinnia.

ROGLI GIANT PANSIES.

We have plants ready of this wonderful strain. The flowers are of great size and good substance and the colours are remarkably fine, mostly large blotched. Plants per doz. 4/-, posted 4/6.

TRY AYRES FOR PALMS, SHRUBS, TREES AND CLIMBERS.

BEDDING AND BORDER PLANTS.

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| | Posted (Within the Union) | | Local Prices | 100 |
|---|------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | Per doz. | 100 | doz. | |
| ANTIRRHINUMS. | | | | |
| Blood Red, fine deep colour | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Bonfire, bright cinnabar red | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Crimson King, deep velvety crimson... .. | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Orange Beauty, orange-scarlet | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Prince of Orange, brilliant | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| GIANT AMERICAN ANTIRRHINUMS. | | | | |
| Canary Bird, gigantic blooms | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Fire Flame, bright colour | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Fordhook Rose, rose-pink | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Orchid, bright mauve-pink | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Sunnybrook, golden yellow | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Wallflower, deep coppery crimson | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Special Mixture of above | 1/9 | 8/6 | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| WILT RESISTANT ASTERS. | | | | |
| American Branching: Dark Lavender, Deep Silvery Rose, Peerless Pink, Purple and Scarlet, separately or mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Crego Improved: Cattleya, Deep Rose, Shell Pink and Purple, separately or mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Ostrich Feather, Tall Improved: Deep Rose and Purple, separately or mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| LARKSPURS (Giant Imperial). | | | | |
| Blue Bell, azure blue | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Carmine King, deep carmine rose | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Daintiness, delicate lavender | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Exquisite Rose, beautiful rose | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Lilac Spire, parma violet... .. | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Los Angeles Improved | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Miss California, deep pink on salmon | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| LARKSPURS (Other Types). | | | | |
| Los Angeles, salmon-rose | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Rosy Scarlet, tall, very fine | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Stock Flowered Dark Blue | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| PANSIES. | | | | |
| Giant, Light Blue | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Goliath, Golden Queen | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Large Flowering Mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Mammoth Exhibition | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Masterpiece, blotched and curled | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Parisian Large Stained | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Trimardeau Giant Mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Variegated Striped | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| ZINNIAS. | | | | |
| California Giants: Orange Queen, Rose Queen and Scarlet Gem, separately or mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Dahlia Flowered: Crimson Monarch, Ex- quisite, Golden Dawn and Golden State, separately or mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |

FOR BEST RESULTS SOW STARKE'S TESTED SEEDS.

| GENERAL LIST OF BEDDING PLANTS. | Posted (Within the Union) | | Local Prices | |
|---|------------------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | Per doz. | 100 | doz. | 100 |
| Antirrhinum Majus , mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Bellis perennis , Double Daisies | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Calendula , Radio, quilled | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Cyanoglossum amabile | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Gaillardia picta Lorenziana , double | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Godetia , Pink | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Leptosyne maritima | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Lobelia , Crystal Palace | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Lobelia , Emperor William | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Marigold , African Lemon Queen | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Marigold , African Prince of Orange | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Marigold , Mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Mesembrianthemum criniflorum , The Buck Bay Vygie | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Nemesia strumosa , mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Petunia , Rosy Morn | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Phlox Drummondii | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Statice sinuata , Blue, Rose, White and Mixed | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Viola , Purple Queen | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| Viola lutea , yellow | 1/3 | 6/- | 1/- | 5/- |
| GENERAL LIST OF HERBACEOUS PLANTS. | | | | |
| Agapanthus , blue and white varieties ... | 7/6 | — | 6/- | 40/- |
| Agapanthus , Table Mountain variety, dark blue | 4/6 | — | 4/- | 25/- |
| Alternanthera , edging plant | 2/6 | 12/6 | 2/- | 10/- |
| Aquilegia , Blackmore & Langdon's long- spurred hybrids | 2/6 | 12/6 | 2/- | 10/- |
| Barberton Daisy Hybrids | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| Canterbury Bells , mixed seedlings | 2/- | 10/- | 1/6 | 7/6 |
| Carnation , Starke's Perpetual, Crimson, Red, Rose, White and Yellow—or Mixed | 5/- | 30/- | 4/6 | 27/6 |
| Delphinium , Blackmore & Langdon's Prize Strain Seedlings | 5/9 | — | 5/- | — |
| Delphinium , Blue Butterfly Seedlings | 2/6 | — | 2/- | — |
| Delphinium , Excelsior Strain Seedlings | 4/- | — | 3/6 | — |
| Fuchsias , ex pots 1/- each, posted 1/3 ... | 10/6 | — | 9/- | — |
| Gazania , orange | 2/6 | 12/6 | 2/- | 10/- |
| Granadilla , ex pots 1/- each, posted 1/3 ... | 9/- | — | 7/6 | — |
| Geranium , Ivy-Leaved, pink | 5/- | 32/6 | 4/- | 25/- |
| Geranium , Ivy-Leaved Huntsman, red ... | 5/- | 32/6 | 4/- | 25/- |
| Geranium , Zonal, bedding | 5/- | 32/6 | 4/- | 25/- |
| Geranium , Zonal, Paul Crampel | 5/- | 32/6 | 4/- | 25/- |
| Gypsophila paniculata 1/- each | 5/- | — | 4/6 | — |
| Helenium , bronze, good cut-flower | 3/6 | — | 3/- | — |
| Hollyhock , Chater's Double | 2/6 | 12/6 | 2/- | 10/- |
| Iris florentina , large white | 3/- | — | 2/6 | — |
| Iris , Purple King | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| Iris stylosa , mauve | 1/6 | — | 1/- | — |
| Kniphofia alooides , Red Hot Poker (1/- ea.) | 9/- | — | 8/- | — |
| Lavender , French (L. dentata) | 4/6 | — | 4/- | — |
| Michaelmas Daisy , Blue, White and Large White | 2/6 | 12/6 | 2/- | 10/- |
| Mimulus cardinalis (ex pots) | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| Mimulus , Sutton's Giant (ex pots) | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| Nasturtium , Double Red, ex pots (1/- each) | 10/- | — | 9/- | — |
| Nasturtium , Fireball, ex pots (1/- each) ... | 10/- | — | 9/- | — |
| Nasturtium , Golden Gleam, in 4in. pots, 1/- each; ex pots | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| Pelargoniums in variety | 10/6 | — | 9/- | — |
| Pentstemon , large-flowered, mixed | 4/6 | — | 3/6 | — |
| Petunia violacea | 3/6 | 17/6 | 3/- | 15/- |
| Phlox , Perennial, named varieties | 8/6 | — | 7/6 | — |

| GENERAL LIST OF HERBACEOUS PLANTS. | Posted (Within the Union) | | Local Prices | |
|---|------------------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | Per doz. | 100 | doz. | 100 |
| <i>Physostegia</i> , mauve | 2/6 | — | 2/- | — |
| <i>Polyanthus</i> , Blackmore's & Langdon's Special | 7/- | — | 6/- | — |
| <i>Primula kewensis</i> , ex pots | 10/- | — | 9/- | — |
| <i>Salvia coccinea</i> | 3/- | — | 2/6 | — |
| <i>Salvia farinacea</i> | 4/6 | — | 4/- | — |
| <i>Salvia patens</i> , ex pots | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| <i>Salvia splendens</i> , scarlet | 3/- | — | 2/6 | — |
| <i>Salvia splendens</i> , Tom Thumb, Vesuvius | 3/- | — | 2/6 | — |
| <i>Scabiosa columbaria</i> , pink | 2/6 | 12/6 | 2/- | 10/- |
| <i>Solidage</i> , Golden Rod | 3/6 | — | 3/- | — |
| Crowns | 6/- | — | 5/- | — |
| <i>Statice latifolia</i> (1/- each, posted 1/6) | 9/- | — | 8/- | — |
| <i>Statice macrophylla</i> (1/- each, posted for 1/6), a good rockery plant | 9/- | — | 8/- | — |
| <i>Thalictrum</i> (1/- each, posted 1/6) | 9/- | — | 8/- | — |
| <i>Verbena</i> , Dark Blue | 3/- | 15/- | 2/6 | 12/6 |
| <i>Verbena</i> , Defiance, scarlet | 3/- | 15/- | 2/6 | 12/6 |
| <i>Verbena</i> , Eller, Willmott | 3/6 | 17/6 | 3/- | 15/- |
| <i>Verbena erinoides</i> , violet | 3/- | 15/- | 2/6 | 12/6 |
| <i>Verbena</i> , mixed | 3/- | 15/- | 2/6 | 12/6 |

BEARDED IRISES.

The most stately of all the Irises and the most satisfying too if they get fair treatment, but they must not be put in any odd corner and neglected. The Bearded Irises are in growth throughout the year and for that reason they must be put in a situation that will be favourable to them at all seasons. They like a well-drained soil but it must be moist enough to encourage good growth in our dry summer unless they can be watered sufficiently at that time. Perhaps their requirements are best described as a good garden loam, well drained and fairly warm in winter with sufficient moisture in summer, either natural or artificially supplied. We are listing below some very choice varieties at moderate prices.

Height: The height of stems is quoted to give an idea of the possibilities of the variety, but there is no certainty that they will reach that height under all conditions. If you can give them the situation that suits them best and the treatment they like, you will no doubt get it, but Irises will flower on much shorter stems when conditions are not favourable.

Prices: Varieties at 2/6 each and upwards are 6d less when included in a dozen.

Postage and Packing: If cash is sent with the order we will pack free and pay postage to any address within the Union of South Africa.

Price each

| | |
|--|-----|
| Ambassador. —Standards greyish blue, falls deep velvety violet with deep yellow at the haft, strong grower, tall stems, a variety of outstanding merit | 2/6 |
| Azulado. —Enormous blooms of lustrous pearl-grey on 5 ft. stems, sweetly scented | 5/- |
| Corrida. —An even shade of pale blue, fine stems, 3 ft. | 2/- |
| Eldorado. —A fine blending of yellowish bronze with heliotrope and violet-purple shades, 2½ ft. | 3/- |
| Frithjof. —A pale blue and dark blue iris of noble form | 2/6 |
| Kharput. —Violet-purple, extra large flowers | 1/- |
| Lac Leman. —Lavender standards and violet falls, tall stems, 4 ft. | 6/- |
| Leone Trenance. —Light blue, very free-flowering, 2 ft. | 1/6 |
| Lord of June. —Standards pale blue, falls darker blue, large flowers, sweetly scented | 1/6 |
| Mrs. H. F. Bowles. —Standards soft brown overlaid gold, falls brilliant red, very fine | 6/- |
| Prosper Laugier. —Deepest velvety crimson and velvety purple, tall stems, 3 ft. | 2/- |
| Purple King. —Purple-violet, tall stems | 1/- |
| Queen Flavia. —Deep golden yellow | 2/6 |
| Rheinnixe. —Standards white, falls deep violet-purple with narrow white edge, strong grower, tall stems, 3 ft. | 2/- |
| Zwanenburg. —Standards bronzy, falls old gold with crimson and maroon flakes | 3/- |

TRY AYRES' NURSERIES FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVE PLANTS.

GARDENING NOTES FOR OCTOBER.

By "EDEN."

POT PLANTS.

Although there are still a few enthusiasts who make a hobby of growing plants in pots, either for indoor decoration or for the stoep, while a very few are even sufficiently keen to build a glass house, it must be admitted that this branch of plant culture has lost much of its old-time popularity.

I may be wrong, but I honestly believe that there is more pleasure and satisfaction to be derived from the growing of plants or flowers than from many of the so-called pleasures of to-day, not alone for the old folk but for all of us, even the youngest.

In a climate such as ours plants in pots or tins can never mean quite what they do to plant lovers in those parts of the world where the winters are so severe that flowers in the winter-time are either unobtainable or so expensive as to be beyond the reach of the great majority.

In heavily populated cities too, where few houses have gardens, pot plants and window boxes will always remain popular.

Not only that pot plants are not such a necessity with us, but our climate is also a little difficult for their successful culture. Our summers are so warm, and the air so lacking in moisture that, unless some provision is made to lessen the effects of such climatic conditions, it becomes a rather difficult problem to keep the plants in healthy growing condition during the hottest months of the year.

We are too inclined to follow the methods and materials used in more humid climates, not only in so far as pot plants are concerned, but to a great extent in general garden practice also. The probable reason for this is that the materials available and information on the subject are to a large extent imported or, if locally made, are simply replicas of the imported article.

It would be a wiser policy to use containers more suited to our warm dry atmosphere and to grow those plants more able to withstand such conditions.

For indoor palms and one or two pot plants such as Begonias, Cyclamen and Gloxinias, which must be grown in a humid situation, earthenware flower pots are excellent but for the great majority of stoep plants containers of a less porous nature are needed.

Cement Pots are available in a great variety of shapes and sizes and are probably the most suitable. Besides, they are cheaper than good earthenware pots and if well made will last a great deal longer.

Coke breeze is often used to displace sand in the manufacture of cement pots. Such pots are usually cheaper and lighter than those made from sand and cement. They are excellent in many ways, being warmer during the winter. Unfortunately, like earthenware pots, they are too porous so that during the summer the plants in them need watering so frequently that the plant food in the soil is leached out as rapidly as it becomes available. Of course, if you are prepared to water the plants in such pots as regularly as necessary and in addition replace the plant food washed out by adding soluble plant food in the right proportions to the water at frequent intervals, I would be inclined to recommend the use of such containers, but unless you have a fair amount of experience of the use of fertilisers you might do more harm than good.

The less porous cement pots, that is those made from cement and sand, are best for those of you who have neither the time nor the inclination to attend to your plants more often than during the week-end. Be careful, however, not to overwater during the winter months as the plants can then make use of very little moisture because their growth is more or less at a standstill, while the evaporation from the pot itself is almost nil.

The great advantage of plants in pots is that moisture, temperature and light can to a large extent be controlled. Although most plants like plenty of sunlight and growth is most rapid during the summer, there does come a time when the temperature rises so high and the moisture content of the atmosphere is so low, that growth either stops entirely or slows down appreciably.

The point when this occurs varies with almost every group of plants. Most of the plants used for pot culture require fairly high temperatures but this must be accompanied by a high percentage of humidity, nor do most pot plants like an excessive amount of strong sunlight. Do not, however, make the mistake of imagining that plants can grow without light.

When preparing the soil in which to grow your pot plants remember that, whatever characters you may wish it to have, to suit the particular variety of plant you intend growing, it must have those qualities which permit of good drainage. Bad drainage will sour the soil in no time, which, if nothing worse happens, means a diseased root system and stunted growth.

WE BELIEVE IN BETTER SEEDS. WON'T YOU TRY THEM?

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Provision must also be made to keep the drainage holes in the base of the pot open, either by placing a layer of stones covered with a layer of fibrous material or leaves (moss is often used but is inclined to hold too much moisture), or in case of large pots each hole can be covered with a portion of broken pot or brick. With very small pots these drainage materials are generally unnecessary provided the soil is of the right texture.

The nature of the soil to be used will depend upon the variety of plant. Palms, Aspidistras and shrubs or plants of a similar nature require a compost of a fairly binding nature, while ferns, Begonias, Cyclamen, Gloxinias and Coleus, although each requires a soil of a special type, it is generally of a light fibrous nature. Azaleas and Rhododendrons, of course, need quite a peaty soil, that is one where the organic matter amounts to as much as 90 per cent.

In the case of bulbs grown in pots or bulb bowls the material used is usually bulb fibre and consists of soft peaty material to which a small quantity of fertiliser and charcoal has been added. This only applies to such bulbs as Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips or with any variety of bulb which is only grown in the pot for one season. You must not expect the bulbs to increase in size in such material, which is really only intended as a medium to provide the moisture and food necessary for the development of the flower already in the bulb.

Many varieties of bulbs, such as Native Gladioli, Freesias, Ixias, Tritonias and even Arums can be grown successfully year after year in pots, but the soil must be of a better quality. A good loam made up of sandy loam, clay loam and cow manure in equal parts would suit most of them.

As a pot plant for indoor decoration the Kentia Palm undoubtedly takes first place, the variety *Fosteriana* being the more popular, but unfortunately most of us experience great difficulty in keeping them alive for many years.

In the nursery they are amongst the easiest of plants to grow. Seldom are they given any special attention and although they are usually grown in thousands one rarely sees a sickly plant. Undoubtedly humidity has a great deal to do with their success or failure. In the nursery, whether they are grown under glass or in a shade-house, they are placed close together in comparatively small pots so that although the pots themselves are kept on the dry side, regular overhead watering maintains a fairly humid atmosphere. Such conditions are difficult to obtain when individual plants are grown in a room or on the stoep. It is generally necessary to use too large a pot under such conditions and there is nothing these palms dislike so much.

Should they be kept in the same size pot in which they were grown in the nursery you would have great difficulty in keeping them sufficiently watered.

However, there are many of you who have succeeded in growing these graceful palms into quite large specimens and I am sure that if they are given daily attention there is no reason why they should not do well with everyone.

Points to remember are: Allow them plenty of light but not direct sunlight. Sponge or syringe the foliage regularly. If the pot is small and full of roots, water almost every day if the atmosphere is dry. In large pots, especially where the roots have not yet spread through the soil, be very careful about watering, make sure that water is necessary before you give any. Do not on any account give the plants castor oil nor should it be used to sponge the foliage. If there is scale on the plants wipe them off with a sponge or damp cloth. Methylated spirits and a paint brush will remove mealy bug but syringe with clean water afterwards. Do not try to force them to grow by feeding with fertilisers except on very rare occasions and only when they are growing nicely.

Phoenix *canariensis* is probably the best of the so-called date palms for stoep work. It is hardy and does well in pots or drums and can be planted into the open ground when too large for the stoep. The soil used in the pots or drums should be fairly heavy, in other words plenty of clayey loam should be added to the mixture.

The Aspidistra is an old favourite and is one of the few plants which will grow well with very little light, so that it is most useful for the hall or lounge.

Begonias comprise quite a large group amongst which are some very fine types. The Begonia Rex is best grown indoors although it will do well in a sheltered position on the stoep. Good drainage and a fibrous sandy loam suits them best. You can raise young plants by spreading a matured leaf on the surface of the soil in a fairly humid warm situation, place a few pebbles on the leaf to keep it in contact with the soil. October and November are good months to do this.

The fibrous rooted Begonias of which there are many varieties, are excellent for stoep work, they are hardy and most varieties produce fine trusses of flower.

IF YOU HAVE LAWN MOWER TROUBLES GO TO STARKE'S.

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Tuberous-rooted Begonias, when well grown and provided they are of a good strain, produce wonderful blooms. They like a sheltered situation where the light is not too strong. Sunlight for a short period during the morning or afternoon is advisable. The compost for them can be a little heavier than for most other Begonias.

The treatment for Gloxinias is much the same as for Begonias but they need a somewhat higher temperature and are best grown in a glasshouse or on a warm enclosed stoep.

The culture of cyclamen, although not difficult, requires rather more experience than is necessary for most other pot plants, that is if you want the best results. They like plenty of light although they are not fond of too high a temperature. Protection from wind and excessive cold during the night is all that is really necessary. Use plenty of good horse manure when preparing the soil for them, in fact they can be very successfully grown in horse manure alone provided it is fairly well decayed. Do not allow them to become dry at any time, nor should they be overwatered if the soil is inclined to retain the moisture. Be very careful when applying liquid manure or feeding in any other form. A very little at a time is the wisest plan.

You can raise some very beautiful varieties of Coleus from seed provided the seed is of a reliable strain. A 6d. packet will give you all the plants you need. In fact you will have so many that you will be able to discard all but the choicest colours. There is no difficulty about the growing of these plants as long as they are protected from cold and wind.

Growing annuals in pots is quite a craze overseas at the moment and many varieties are being raised for this purpose. They are certainly easy and very quickly make a show. Two of the best annuals for this purpose are Golden Gleam Nasturtium and Godetia "Sybil Sherwood."

PRICE ALTERATIONS.

Since printing our new Catalogue for 1934-5 the following price alterations have become necessary owing to market fluctuations due to later reports on crop prospects and other causes. Please make the alterations in your copy of the Catalogue for future reference.

| Page | Article | Price per | 5 | 25 | 100 | 200lbs |
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| 25 | Swede, Best of All | ... | 6d | 1/- | 2/9 | 12/6 |
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Kindly give a **second choice list** with your order, or allow us to substitute the nearest if we are sold out of what you want. If we are not to send any others, please mark your order "no substitutions."

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Price: All varieties 1/- each or 9/- per dozen. Assorted dozens supplied at the dozen rate.

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Alfred Wilson.—Chestnut-crimson, gold reverse.

Amy Johnson.—Deep primrose, incurved, has a stout stem, small leaves and dwarf habit.

Autumn Tints.—Rosy salmon-buff with creamy yellow reverse.

Birmingham.—Crimson.

Bresil.—Beautiful orange-bronze.

Bronze Delight.—Early bronze.

Bronze Turner.—Like other members of this popular family, this is an excellent variety either for exhibition or decorative work.

Buller's Pompon.—White, charming cut-flower.

Colonel du Croix.—Golden yellow, incurved.

Chas. Davis.—Deep canary yellow.

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Early Pink.—A fine pink, early flowering, medium size.

Good Gracious.—Creamy white, incurved.

Grandeur.—Rich deep crimson with velvety sheen and gold reverse.

Healesville Sunset.—A charming bloom well described by its name.

Hollicot Yellow.—Buttercup yellow, a good decorative variety of dwarf branching habit.

Julian Hilpert.—Creamy white.

Lady Edward Miller.—Very deep yellow, loose petalled.

Lady Hopetown.—Mauve.

Lady Osborne.—Flesh pink, incurved.

Lady Spencer.—A large yellow of dwarf habit.

Leigh Park Wonder.—Deep crimson and yellow.

Louisa Pockett.—Pure white, incurved, on natural crown buds

Lucy Cross.—Rich golden bronze with old gold reverse.

Madame R. Oberthur.—White.

Miss Mary Mason.—Chestnut-red on buff.

Mrs. M. V. Lauriston.—Silvery white flushed rose.

Mrs. Alec Aikman.—A blush sport of T. W. Pockett.

Mrs. C. Abrahamse.—Rosy mauve.

Mrs. E. Alston.—A pure yellow sport of "Autumn Tints."

Mrs. Fred Fairs.—Straw yellow, flushed pink, large size.

Nellie Pockett.—Pure white.

Niagara.—Pure white, late.

Pax.—White.

Peace.—Yellow sport of "Louisa Pockett," late buds shaded bronze.

Rose Queen.—Rosy salmon.

Snowflake.—Small white flowers, very attractive.

Sir Wm. McPherson.—Pure yellow, very large.

Thorpes Beauty.—Light pink.

Thos. W. Pockett.—Pink, silvery reverse.

William Turner.—Pure white, incurved, very large.

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Eureka.—White with yellow disc, quilled petals with frilled edge.

Joan Edwards.—Rose pink.

Lady Furniss.—Salmon buff.

Longwood Beauty.—Silvery pink, quilled.

Roupa! Beauty.—Bright mahogany.

Tom Barnes.—Purple, medium height.

Turquoise.—Light terra cotta.

Marion.—Silvery-pink.

ADDITIONAL VARIETIES.

The following are varieties of which we have no descriptions ready and because we can not tell you all about them we are offering them at a reduced price. We believe they are mostly Decorative and Exhibition varieties but we are not sure.

Price: All varieties 10d each or 7/6 per dozen. Assorted dozens supplied at the dozen rate, all labelled with variety name.

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1164. **Bignonia speciosa**, beautiful lavender trumpet climber, strong plants, 2/6 each.

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Price each.

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| Baroness de Brien. —Salmon-pink, a delightful shade, large flower, robust growth | 2/- |
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| Betty Jane. —Flowers deep rose-pink, of large size and good form | 2/6 |
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| Cameron. —Salmon | 2/- |
| Carola Striata. —Light crimson striped with deep crimson | 1/6 |
| Champion. —Bright scarlet, good calyx, reliable | 2/6 |
| Dandy. —Orange-flame-apricot | 2/6 |
| Del Ray. —Deep pink, large and free flowering | 2/6 |
| Duntish Grey. —Heliotrope | 3/6 |
| Fancy Spectrum. —Salmon, flaked red | 3/6 |
| Fragrance (1932).—Salmon-pink, strongly scented, free-flowering | 2/6 |
| Gladys. —Salmon-rose, flowers of medium size; an excellent market variety | 3/6 |
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| Glorious. —Large salmon cerise | 2/6 |
| Golden Glow. —Yellow with occasional pink stripes; large flowers | 2/6 |
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| Improved Regina. —An improvement on that wonderful grower, Regina, will surely prove an acquisition | 3/6 |
| Ivory. —Pure white, large flowers, strongly scented | 1/6 |
| Jackie. —Yellow ground striped mauve | 2/6 |
| Jazz. —Light orange, heavily flaked with deep pink, vigorous but rather dwarf, does not split | 1/6 |
| Lady Hindlip. —White pencilled red; well-shaped flowers | 1/6 |
| La Mode. —A fine mauve with pinkish centre | 2/- |
| Mab. —Flowers rather heavily fringed, cerise, medium to large, long stems | 2/- |
| Madge. —Orange flaked bright rose-pink; large blooms of good form | 3/6 |
| Marjorie (1931).—Deep pink, large and free flowering | 3/6 |
| Monkton Crimson | 2/6 |
| Monkton Glory. —Salmon-pink | 2/6 |
| Monkton Monarch. —Deep red | 2/- |
| Monkton Scarlet | 2/6 |
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| Mrs. Maurice Grant. —Purple; exceptionally large flowers | 2/6 |
| My Love (1932).—Deep rose shaded salmon towards the centre | 3/6 |
| Nero. —Flowers of medium size, light purple-pink, heavily striped crimson | 2/- |
| Nigger. —Deep velvety crimson, nicely scented, non-splitter, freely flowering, strong grower | 1/6 |
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| Painted Lady. —White ground flaked with pink | 2/- |

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| Salmon Regina .—Regina is so well known that the name is an ample description of this variety | 2/- |
| Sir Philip Sassoon .—Crimson; very large; sweetly scented | 2/6 |
| Sophelia .—Deep pink, heavily fringed; one of the largest of its colour | 2/6 |
| Spectrum .—A large bright red, free-flowering and of good growth (per 100 60/-) | 1/6 |
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| Springbok .—Light orange heavily flaked cerise, loose habit of growth, long stems, good calyx, one of the best of the locally raised varieties | 2/6 |
| Startler (1930).—Orange-scarlet of startling brightness | 2/6 |
| Surprise .—A rich shade of salmon-pink, large, nicely scented, calyx does not split | 2/6 |
| Sussex Purple .—Rich crimson-purple, large flower of true border form, scented | 1/6 |
| Triumph .—Bright crimson, large, good shape, calyx does not split | 2/- |
| Variegated Carola .—Light purple-pink heavily striped with crimson | 1/6 |
| Vinca .—Bright purple, large blooms, vigorous grower | 2/6 |
| Wivelsfield White .—A pure white, good habit and free-flowering (per 100 75/-) | 1/6 |
| Woburn .—Bright crimson; large flowers, freely produced | 2/6 |
| Yankee Girl .—Deep rose-pink, fairly large, a very useful variety | 2/- |
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| Louis Cayeux (Green-leaved).—A vigorous new variety with large trusses of dark rose-red flowers on tall stems | 2/6 | 3/- |
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Kokstad, August 18th, 1934.—The carnations arrived in excellent condition. Many thanks for packing them so carefully.

Little Brak River, September 6th, 1934.—I received the Tree carnation plants in a splendid condition and wish to thank you for same.

Rondebosch, September 6th, 1934.—I thank you for the way you have laid out my garden, it is greatly admired by everyone who calls and by passers by.

Robertson, September 9th, 1934.—I thank you for the two beautifully packed small trees you sent me.

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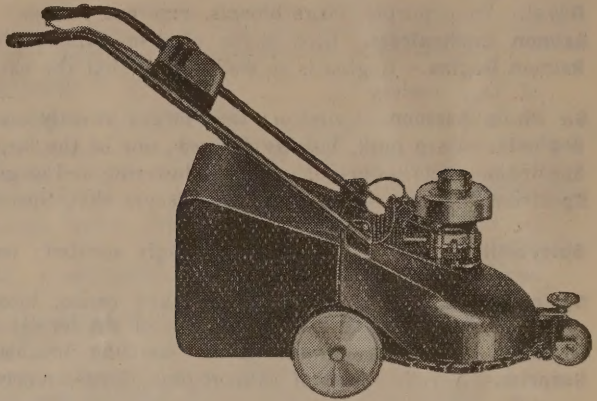
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NOTES FOR RHODESIA FOR OCTOBER.

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Flower Garden.—Early rains may be expected during the month but cultivation of all growing plants is most important. This should be done every morning after watering at evening, this conserves moisture and assists generally during this dry and hot month.

There are lots of annuals which can be planted. Asters should be largely planted as they make a fine show during late summer and autumn. Other good and suitable annuals are: Balsams, Gilia, Stocks, Venidium, Salpiglossis, Annual Chrysanthemums and Helenium.

Roses should have constant attention during the month and frequent waterings—once a week is sufficient if done the right way—all suckers should be removed and dead blooms cut away.

Vegetable Garden.—Lots of work is necessary during this month, but, if seeds and young plants are watered and cultivated, there will be plenty of growth and good results. This is a good month to plant the first crop of Potatoes, to be followed by successive plantings at about a month's interval. Cucumber, Melon, Pumpkin should be planted as quickly as possible.

Orchard.—Cultivation and irrigation are the main points to consider during the month. Early Peaches will now have set their fruit. If not watered, much of this on young trees will fall off. Plums are very liable to lose their fruit after blossoming if not watered. Apples are not so necessary, as they come later after the rains. Surface cultivation, with dressings of Kraal manure, will increase size and quantity of fruit.

Berry fruits need attention; canes should be tied to rail sticks to prevent being blown about by wind. This applies to Raspberries and Loganberries. They should have a good dressing of rotted Kraal manure, and then irrigated or well watered by hand.

RHODESIAN PRICES.

It is obviously impossible to sell our seeds, and other goods, in Rhodesia, at the prices quoted in this paper, but Messrs. Meikles (Gwelo) Ltd. will supply you at the lowest possible prices when railage and similar charges are taken into account. Please communicate with them if you wish for an exact quotation on any article mentioned in these pages.

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PLANTING NOTES FOR OCTOBER FROM PRETORIA BRANCH.

All summer crops may be sown this month where conditions are favourable as regards soil moisture. If your area has been favoured with early rains and if your experience indicates that you can expect a continuance of favourable weather, there is nothing to prevent you going ahead with the sowing of such crops as Mealies, Kaffir Corn, Broom Corn, Millets, Lucerne, Clovers, Dolichos Beans, Soy Beans, Velvet Beans, Cowpeas, Peanuts, Vetches, Sunn Hemp, Mangels, Carrots, Rape, Kale, Mustard, Pumpkin, Kaffir Melon, Monketaan, Buckwheat, Sunflower and Potatoes.

You may also sow many grasses, such as Cocksfoot, Rhodes Grass, Rye Grasses, Teff, Sudan Grass and Yorkshire Fog.

In the **Vegetable Garden** you may also sow a very complete range. You will, no doubt, be able to provide some irrigation here and your choice will thus be less restricted. You should try the following: French Beans (Dwarf and Runner), Peas (Stratagem and Alderman), Lima Beans, Beet, Carrot, Onion (Early Flat Yellow Cape), Parsnip, Radish, Turnip, Leek, Salsify, Scorzonera, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Kale, Kohl Rabi, Calabash, Cucumber, Musk Melon, Pumpkin, Squash, Vegetable Marrow, Water Melon, Tomato, Lettuce, Spinach, Sweet Corn, Asparagus, Chicory, Endive, Okra, Parsley, Pepper, Purslane, Sage, Sorrel, Thyme, Egg Plant, Cape Gooseberry and Rhubarb.

During the past month we have been sending out our new **Seed Catalogue for 1934-5** and all the above crops will be found in it with prices and descriptions. It also gives much useful information and is sent **free and post free** to all our regular customers. If your copy has not arrived send us a post card about it!

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ROOT CROPS.

Owing to crop failure prices of all root crops have advanced heavily. You will find the new prices printed on another page of this issue. Please alter your copy of the New Catalogue accordingly so that you may have the correct prices before you when making up your order.

SEED POTATOES.

In page 2 of this issue you will find quotations for Imported Seed Potatoes. These can be ordered direct or through Pretoria Branch. Prices delivered Pretoria will be as listed at Mowbray plus 1/6 per case for railage or you can have them railed direct to your station and pay the railage on arrival.

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